



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2015

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II, Council Chairman
Mr. Paul Cain, District III, Vice Chairman
Ms. Edda Cammick, District I, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV
Mr. Reg Dexter, District V

Oconee County Council met at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, County Administrator Scott Moulder, County Attorney Thomas Martin and Elizabeth Hulse, Clerk to Council present.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeese.com/council]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum/WGOG Radio, Ray Chandler/Anderson Independent & Steven Bradley/The Daily Journal.

Call to Order

Mr. McCall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session

Mr. Ward Fetrow addressed Council in opposition to land acquisition, a potential hospitality tax and other matters not before Council for consideration at this meeting.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council in support for the projects on the capital project sales tax referendum but felt that bond funding was the reason for the referendum's defeat.

Mr. John Dalen addressed Council reading from a prepared statement [copy filed with these minutes] entitled "The Building Blocks of Tyranny".

County Council Response to Public Comment

None at this meeting.

Moment of Silence

Mr. McCall asked for a moment of silence prior the Invocation by the County Chaplain.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain:

Mr. Tom Martin, County Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Dexter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve the February 25, 2014 Strategic Planning Retreat and the February 24, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Administrator's Report & Agenda Summary

Mr. Moulder briefly reviewed with Council and for the public's benefit specifics related to the following matters before Council at this meeting:

- Public Hearings: 2015-09
- Third & Final Readings: 2015-09
- Second Reading for Ordinances: 2015-12
- First & Final Reading of Resolutions: R2015-05, R2015-06
- Discussion Items
- Board & Commission Appointments

First & Final Reading of the Following Proclamations

Proclamation P2015-03 "A PROCLAMATION HONORING MS. JENNIFER ENGLISH MOSS UPON RECEIVING THE 2015 HOSPITALITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD"

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Proclamation P2015-03** on first & final reading. Mr. McCall presented the Proclamation to Ms. Moss commending her on a job well done.

Public Hearings regarding the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2015-09 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-34 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING NOISE REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Mr. McCall opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. Gary Littlefield addressed Council in opposition to passage of Ordinance 2015-09 expressing concerns that there are not objective standards in the ordinance for enforcement.

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council in opposition to passage of Ordinance 2015-09 and other matters not related specifically to this ordinance.

Mr. Ben Turetzky addressed Council in support for passage of Ordinance 2015-09; noting that there are enforcement issues as written.

Mr. McCall asked if any other citizens wished to address Council.

Mr. Ryan Honea addressed Council in support for passage of Ordinance 2015-09.

Mr. Don Leslie addressed Council in support for passage of Ordinance 2015-09.

Mr. McCall asked if any citizens wished to submit written comments regarding this ordinance; no citizen presented any written comments for the record.

Mr. McCall closed the Public Hearing regarding **Ordinance 2015-09**.

Third & Final Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2015-09 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-34 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS ONLY, REGARDING NOISE REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO"

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cain, to approve **Ordinance 2015-09** on third & final reading. Discussion followed regarding deferring third reading to allow for language revision, federal decibel guidelines, and adopting the ordinance at this meeting but continuing to review and update language for inclusion of objective measurements.

Mr. McCall called for the vote. The motion passed 4 – 1 [Ms. Cammick opposed] to approve **Ordinance 2015-09** on third and final reading.

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2015-12 “AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE AND AMEND SECTION 34-1 OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY DELETING AND RESCINDING THE SECTION IN ITS ENTIRETY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO”

Mr. Cain made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve **Ordinance 2015-12** on second reading.

First & Final Reading of the Following Resolutions

Resolution 2015-05 “A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND DARLINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE” including Law Enforcement Assistance & Support Agreement

Resolution 2015-06 “A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND FLORENCE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE” including Law Enforcement Assistance & Support Agreement

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 5 – 0 to approve both **Resolution R2015-05** and **Resolution 2015-06** on first & final reading.

Discussion Regarding Action Items:

Local ATAX Grants / Spring 2015 Cycle / \$37,686

Mr. Dexter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to approve local ATAX grants in the amount of \$37,686 as presented at the meeting.

Old Business:

Oconee County Mission Statement Amendment

Ms. Cammick addressed Council utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] entitled “Mission Statements” including an amended Mission Statement for Council’s consideration. Discussion followed.

Ms. Cammick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 5 – 0 to adopt the Mission Statement as follows:

“It is the mission of Oconee County to provide our current and future citizens and visitors quality services while protecting our communities, heritage, environment and natural resources, in an ever-changing world.”

New Business:

[None scheduled at this meeting.]

Adjourn

Mr. Thrift made a motion, approved unanimously 5 – 0, to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council